

Teaching and Learning Minutes
October 26, 2017

In attendance: D. Downie, C. Anderson, M. Butler, A. Sullivan, A. Dawe, M. Crowley, T. Smith

Absent: A. Garvey

Meeting Called to Order by D. Downie at 5:36 p.m.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes

September meeting minutes approved. Motion by CA, 2nd by DD.

School Improvement Plans

Margo Crowley reviewed the Stonington High School Improvement Plan. She explained how the building goals align with the District Improvement Plan and the NEASC recommendations. Alicia Sweet Dawe reviewed West Vine/West Broad School Improvement plan. Her buildings are targeting Grade 4th growth results as a measure of adjustments to student-centered learning in targeted areas within the mathematics and Language Arts instruction. Tim Smith presented the Pawcatuck Middle School Improvement Plan. This plan targets mathematics as the content area for improvement, specifically the use of written evidence to support mathematical reasoning. Mary Anne Butler, on behalf of Greg Keith, shared the Mystic Middle School Plan. Mystic Middle is also focusing on improving the percentage of student reaching their growth targets in the areas of Language Arts and mathematics with an additional goal addressing school-wide behavioral expectations.

Geometry Curriculum and Advanced Mathematical Decision-Making

AnneFay Sullivan presented the committee with the Geometry curriculum and reviewed the structure of the first unit highlighting the significant task. The curriculum contains extended versions of the 4 C tasks for the Honors level. She also shared the Advanced Mathematical Decision-Making curriculum and answered questions.

Stonington Public Schools Curriculum Handbook

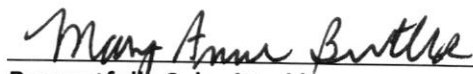
Mary Anne Butler overviewed the contents of the completed Curriculum Handbook which contains the curriculum development process, trade book/textbook adoption policy, various curriculum resources, and a glossary. The Handbook will be posted on the district website and an email notification will go out to all teachers about its publication.

New Business

Elementary consolidation update from Alicia Sweet Dawe with grade 5 housed in the building under instruction with band and chorus updates. Common schedules with a 4-day rotation for specials have been drafted. The 5th grade may be offered band/instrumental instruction and alternating semester of Chorus. An additional block is included once a week for larger ensemble classes.

Tim Smith reviewed the middle school consolidation logistics, timeline, and possible opportunities for innovation should the Board approve the consolidation in December.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:41 p.m.



Respectfully Submitted by:

Mary Anne Butler, Assistant Superintendent